

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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<b>Masaru AMAI, et al.</b>	)	
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For: SUBSTRATE CLEANING APPARATUS, SUBSTRATE CLEANING METHOD, AND  
MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAM USED FOR THE METHOD

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

Applicants ask to be informed of the status of this patent application. Applicants are unaware of any action on the merits in this case by the U.S. Patent Office since the filing date of September 20, 2006. Attached is a copy of the USPTO date-stamped postcard filing acknowledgment for the above referenced application.

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: CLEANING METHOD, AND MEDIUM FOR RECORDING  
: PROGRAM USED FOR THE METHOD



List of attached documents:

Transmittal Letter to the US Designated/Elected Office for filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371;  
English language translation of application (33 pages); 7 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-8);  
Cover page of PCT Publication No. WO 2005/098919 with International Search Report  
(PCT/ISA/210); Forms PCT/IB/301, PCT/IB/304, and PCT/IB/308; executed Declaration  
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